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VOLCANO WATCHERS held their breath as Grade 5 student Leelynd Henry added baking soda to the vinegar and dish soap mixture in his volcano, one of 11 outstanding projects displayed at Elk Point Elementary School's Science Fair on Monday.

EPE scientists display their experiments

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Eighteen young scientists from Grades 3 to 6 displayed a total of 11 well-researched projects at Elk Point Elementary School's annual Science Fair last Monday, with four of the projects receiving Awards of Excellence.

In Grade 3, Remington Reynolds experimented with the "5-Second Rule," showing off his findings with samples of food dropped on a floor and a hockey bag, and preserved for display five seconds and one hour later, along with a pristine sample that had not been dropped, to win one of the awards.

Grade 4 students Brooklyn Newby and Chloe Campbell were also award winners, delving into the science of "Gummy Bear Osmosis", while fellow Grade 4 students Brenden Scott and Jacob Petruk lit up their display with a demonstration of "Electric Current" and Hailey Danyluk explained the process of "Hatching Chicks" in her project.

Two projects from Grade 5 won Awards of Excellence. Kayl Warawa and Rian Skarsen explored the "Delicious Science Behind Gummy Bears" and even handed out samples, and Robyn Urquhart and Cassie O'Reilly questioned, "Which Material is More Shock Absorbent?" the answer being mini marshmallows.

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Rural Crime Watch updated on crime reduction strategy

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch (GLRCW) members welcomed the RCMP K Division crime reduction coordinator Jennifer Kee to their 2019 annual general meeting in St. Paul last week, and received a comprehensive update on K Division's mission and strategy regarding crime reduction.

The mission, Kee said, "is to reduce crime in Alberta through the creation and implementation of an evidence and intelligence led, province wide crime reduction strategy, which will be entrenched as the basis of how police service delivery is done in Alberta."

The crime reduction strategy goes beyond enforcement, with a move from reactive to proactive policing. It targets prolific offenders and crime "hot spots" and aims to identify the root causes of crime, "What's driving the criminal lifestyle," she noted. It involves a long list of stakeholders and key partnerships, from Alberta Justice and the Solicitor General to Rural Crime Watch

and Citizens on Patrol groups.

There are alternatives, Kee said, to the current way of dealing with criminals, which some feel is basically "a catch-and-release system." Restorative justice allows the victim and the community to have a voice in what happens to the offender, and if no resolution is found, the matter goes through the court system.

The DARE program, which brought police officers into schools and encouraged youngsters to take the right path, has now been discontinued, "but we now have a dedicated youth initiative and want to start working with youth that way," she said.

Another program that has been closed for some time is the auxiliary program, which Elk Point RCMP Cst. Marc Latouche says that detachment is trying to get going again. "We would like to get Ukrainian, First Nations and Métis people involved, because Canada is a mix of cultures and their input would be helpful. We are always short of help."

The auxiliary program is "waiting on Ottawa, and then we will roll it out," Kee affirmed. She added that

the reservists, retired RCMP officers "are still active and available" to help detachments when needed.

A look at statistics for the St. Paul Detachment area between January 2017 and December 2018 showed 528 occurrences of serious crime, about 20 per cent of the case load, and 2,179 incidents of property crime, the other 80 per cent, Kee reported, adding, that six to 10 per cent of offenders, "the nuisances of the community, are responsible for approximately 59 to 60 per cent of the crimes.

Dedicated crime reduction units (CRU), which Kee called 'the roundup crew', are "phenomenal," according to Cst. Latouche, who said earlier that week, the RCMP was able to seize a large amount of stolen property, when the Eastern Alberta District Rural CRU was called in after a vehicle was stolen in Bonnyville. "Two or three people were arrested, but they're repeat offenders. I started working with the CRU in October, and at one point, they arrested every prolific offender in Bonnyville, with up to 17 files per person."

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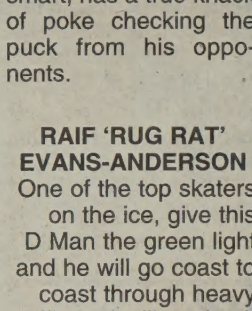
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Atom Avalanche welcomes Alberta's best

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The Atom 'D' Provincials come to Elk Point this weekend, where Elk Point Avalanche will play host to the top Atom 'D' teams from all corners of the province when the Onoway Eagles, Magrath Chiefs, Viking Gas Kings, Redwater Rush, Spirit River Rangers, Bentley Canucks and Didsbury Ramblers come to town.

The Atom Avs are not only the host team, they are the Zone winners as well, after an 8-5 win over Redwater on Friday night at home was added to the commanding 6-1 lead in Redwater on Wednesday.

Congratulations Avs! Go for the gold!



Elk Point Atom Avalanche

Midget Avalanche wins Provincials bid over CNN

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point will be in Alberta's minor hockey spotlight again next weekend, after the Midget Avalanche defeated CNN 4-2 on Wednesday night to win the two game, total point series by a 9-6 margin. They will now head to

Calgary on March 21 for the Midget B Provincials.

Avalanche captain Nick 'Sparky' Anderson opened the scoring in Wednesday's game with the only goal of the first period, assisted by Jaden 'Jet Stream' Van Maarion and Hank 'The Tank' Rogal.

CNN tied the score in the first minute

of the second frame, with 'King Cole' Bendixen replying for the Avs just nine seconds later, off assists by Dallas 'Cowboy' Bristow and 'Lightning Liam' Ludlage. CNN would score again toward the end of the period for a 2-2 tie after 40 minutes.

At that point, Avs goalie Colton 'Colt 45' Van Maarion slammed the door on the visitors, keeping nine third period shots at bay while 'Jet Stream', assisted by 'Sparky', and Hayden 'Hot Wheels' Ludlage, assisted by Evan 'Batman' Ockerman made their shots count toward the final 4-2 score.

With the trip to Provincials on the line, this was an extremely clean game, with only two penalties, one for two many men on the ice, for the Avs and just one for CNN.

Unfortunately, the Midgets didn't fare as well in the league playoff series.

They suffered a tough 9-4 loss on Thursday, but turned the tables on Saturday to defeat Lac La Biche 8-3 at home to tie up the round one playoff series. With a 4-5 overtime loss in Lac La Biche on Sunday, the midgets were knocked out of league playoffs. Time to gear up for Provincials, boys!

Atom D Provincials

March 14 - 17 in Elk Point

Pool A

Elk Point Avalanche
Onoway Eagles
Magrath Chiefs
Viking Gas Kings

Pool B

Redwater Rush
Spirit River Rangers
Bentley Canucks
Didsbury Ramblers

ROUND ROBIN

Thursday

12:00 Noon - Redwater vs Bentley
2:25 p.m. - Spirit River vs Didsbury
4:30 p.m. - Onoway vs Viking
6:45 p.m. - Opening Ceremonies
7:30 p.m. - Magrath vs Elk Point

Friday

9:00 a.m. - Redwater vs Spirit River
11:15 a.m. - Bentley vs Didsbury
1:30 p.m. - Elk Point vs Onoway
3:45 p.m. - Magrath vs Viking
6:30 p.m. - Banquet

Saturday

9:30 a.m. - Spirit River vs Bentley
11:45 a.m. - Didsbury vs Redwater
2:00 p.m. - Viking vs Elk Point
4:15 p.m. - Magrath vs Onoway

SUNDAY

PLAYOFF ROUNDS

8:30 a.m. - Pool A 1st vs Pool B 2nd
10:45 a.m. - Pool B 1st vs Pool A 2nd

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL Sunday, 4:00 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

Ice time!

It may be melting outdoors, but this week's issue is chock full of action on indoor ice, as minor hockey provincials get underway with our Atoms hosting the Atom D provincials and our Midgets off to Calgary next week, the curling season sweeping to a close for the year, and our talented crew of young figure skaters showing us how it's done, including a guest skater who took her first glides here and has now moved on to bigger dreams.

Congratulations to all of these great young sports enthusiasts on another great year!

YOUR VIEWS

FGM juniors off to a great start

TYLER WARAWA
Review Contributor

A curling team of five young ladies, skip Lexi Wirsta, third Avery Warawa, second Kendra Porcina and leads Darianna Boorse and Lily Swedgan, is showing great promise for the future, Tyler Warawa reports:

The girls had a great year this year curling in the Elk Point Mixed League for the first year. They were very competitive, winning a couple of games and close in a couple more. The experience they gathered playing really helped them polish their skills and learn how to play as a team.

This past week they went to Two Hills to play in the SPAA Curling Bonspiel. They were put in the toughest draw and had to face the eventual silver medal winner Glen Avon team twice. They didn't have their best game and were a little nervous, losing the first time they played. For their second game they had to play the eventual gold medal winner, Racette. The girls finally showed what they were made of and beat Racette 9-3. They were all making great shots and had a great game.

With the win they had to face Glen Avon again in the semi final for a chance to play Racette again for the gold. They curled a better game, but Glen Avon curled a great game and was able to come away with the win.

Overall it was a great year and these girls did a great job. Lexi, Avery and Kendra will be moving up to the High School team next year, and with the growth of the Junior Curling program, we should have more junior teams again next year.



JUNIOR GIRLS COMPETE AT SPAA - left to right are lead Lily Swedgan, skip Lexi Wirsta, third Avery Warawa, lead Darianna Boorse and second Kendra Porcina, who took on the top teams in the SPAA bonspiel.



WAY BACK WHEN...

Reform party, new health region, top speakers, youth choir

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES IN THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 11 IN...

1989

Elk Point's Kehew Construction Golden Eagles defeated Kitscoty to win the final round of playoffs and would represent Zone 2 at the PeeWee C Hockey Provincials Elk Point. Reform Party leader Preston Manning spoke to a packed crowd in the Pioneer Circle Hall as the party held a pre-by-election rally for candidate Deborah Grey.

1994

Elk Point Municipal Hospital Board explained their decision to go with the proposed new East Rural Health Region to the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce, although the new region is still unsure that it would receive approval. Elk Point Elks won the first round of their Sask-Alta League playoffs, defeating Kitscoty Monarchs in four games, and also won the year-end trophy for league play.

1999

Peter Danyluk and Mark Ference were headed to district competition when they won the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club public speaking competition, with Sarah Butler and Leanne Ference placing second. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce was heading strongly in a new direction, with discussions of what was and was not part of the chamber's mandate taking up much of their meeting in the wake of a defeated motion to shut down the chamber entirely.

2004

Classic snowmobiles spanning three decades were lined up in an impromptu display on Main Street, with Elk Point TrailRiders bringing along their big Bombardier for the occasion. New Elk Point Chamber

of Commerce president Rod Randall suggested that all of the chamber's business could be dealt with efficiently in one meeting per month, with members agreeing to try out the format on a temporary basis.

2009

For the first time in over a year, Elk Point Chamber of Commerce was back to a full executive, when Debra McQuinn agreed to take the post of treasurer, taking over from vice-president Lesia Porcina, who had filled both roles for the past year. Elk Point United Church youth choir expanded their ministry in music further afield when they took part in the World Day of Prayer ecumenical service at St. Michael's Catholic Church.

2014

Elk Point Community Choir's 2014 dinner theatre presentation, "You Can't Take it With You" hit the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre stage, providing a highly entertaining evening of comedy that just might have left some of those in the audience thinking, "Perhaps there is more to life than making money."



ON TARGET - A marshmallow gun designed by Taylor Swedgan (left) and Avery Warawa (not shown) drew more than a few would-be marksmen to the Award of Excellence winning display at the Elk Point Elementary School's annual science fair. Other experiments ranged from colour-changing carnations to erupting volcanoes.

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DARLING, Wesley



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our brother and uncle, Wesley Darling on Feb 22, 2019 in Whitehorse, Yukon, after a short battle with cancer. He was born Dec. 3, 1958 and passed away far too young at 60 years of age. He is survived by his brother, Lyle (Chantal) of Dawson City, Yukon, Lyle's daughter Lindsay (Shawn) and sons Gunner and Deegan; sister, Sherry (Don) Schultz of Elk Point, Sherry's sons Brad Young (Ian), Jeffrey Young; sister, Lana (Terry) Bortnick of Two Hills, and children Davin, Shelly, Jen and Chris. Wesley was predeceased by our parents, Joan in 1999 and Morgan in 2009. Join us for a celebration of life on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 1pm at the Pioneer Circle Seniors Center in Elk Point. If desired, donations may be made to the Ferguson Flats Cemetery or organization of your choice.

ANDERSON, Pearl



On March 7, 2019 Mrs. Pearl Anderson of Lindbergh passed away at the age of 100 years. She is survived by her children, George (Diana), Ross (Liz), Shirley (Jerry) Jarvis, Barry, Donald (Barbara), Donna (Gordon) Kozicki & Debbie (Bill) Ballas; daughter-in-law, Marjorie; 23 grandchildren, Bernice, Roxanne, Kari, David, Jacqueline, Karla, Greg, Mitch, Tracey, Jeff, Treana, Margaret, Bradley, Brenda, Jason, Charlene, Dennell, Dean, Stacey, Kelly, Amanda, B.J. & Christie; 45 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren; brother, Don (June) Haveruk; numerous nieces & nephews. Pearl was predeceased by her husband, Rolf; son, Even; son, Brian & daughter-in-law, Peggy; son-in-law, Mike Maksymuk; grandson, Todd; 3 brothers, Gordon, Mike & Bill; 5 sisters, Ann, Irene, Bessie, Mary & Olga. A Celebration of Life will take place Monday, March 18 at 11:00 a.m. at Allied Arts Centre, Elk Point. Pastor Kelly Sibley will be officiating with interment in Mooswa Cemetery, Lindbergh. If desired donations may be made to a charity of one's choice c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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Curling Club windup fusnpiel



SECOND EVENT WINNERS - Angie Berg presents the Doug and Doreen Berg Memorial trophy to Dustin Berg, Brandon Roberge and Lorn Berg, who said the team had some help from Don Pilisko and Doug Lindquist during this weekend's two-day event.

Watch next week's issue for coverage of the St. Paul District 4-H Communications competition

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FIRST EVENT WINNERS of Elk Point Curling Club's 2019 windup Funspiel were the Anderson rink. Tyler Warawa presents the trophy to Don Anderson, Dennell Anderson, Trina Cox and Charlene Simpson. Twelve rinks enjoyed the funspiel, which started Friday evening and went all day Saturday. Watch next week's issue for the League Curling winners!



CHAIR LADIES - This special barrier free exam chair, costing \$7,860, was purchased and donated by the Hospital Auxiliary (left to right) Gunnie Nelson, Lillian Ewasiuk, Marilyn Habiak, Carolyn Onusko, Bernice Caojack, Millie Orr, Lyn Young and Agnes Morozuk, to the primary care room in the Elk Point Health Care Centre for foot care patients.

Submitted photo

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Dated this 26th day of Feb A.D., 2019

Ken Gwozdz, Development Officer



SWEET SCIENCE - Rian Skarsen and Kayl Warawa explored 'The Delicious Science Behind Gummy Bears' in their award winning display.



Science Fair

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Other Grade 5 entrants were Leelynd Henry, who drew quite a crowd with his erupting volcano, Duane Rivera, who experimented with "Ink Made From Tea Bags" and Elizabeth Smith and Vanessa Ginez, who explained the workings of "The Human Eye."

Two Grade 6 duos also had interesting displays, Chase Greenwalt and James Baker showing how to make a "Lava Lamp" and Trettyn Malo and Logan Swedgan inflating a series of "Balloons With Baking Soda and Vinegar."

Along with the Science Fair, the gym held a number of other displays, including a huge array of artwork from all the classes, including a collection of artwork from the Grade 2 Social Studies class.

GRADE 6 DISPLAYS included a 'Lava Lamp' and 'Inflating Balloons with Baking Soda and Vinegar'.

CURRENT EVENT

Brenden Scott and Jacob Petruk lit up their display with a demonstration of electric current in one of two award winning Grade 4 displays.



Kindergarten A and B classes also had a science project on display, entitled "Winter Birds" and outlining their findings. The 4A students showed off their talents at building vehicles and other moving objects, while some other classes showed off their knitting skills.

Just down the hall, the school library was packed to the doors with families checking out the annual Book Fair, which benefits the library itself as well as providing a welcome source of reading and craft materials for all ages of students, along with numerous picture books for the preschool crowd.

Soccer registration was also underway that evening, a sure sign that spring is not too far away, and an assurance that there is life to be enjoyed after all the maze of boots that packed the school's entrance are stored away for the season.



IT'S THE RULE! Grade 3 student Remington Reynolds experimented with the '5-Second Rule' of the safety of dropped food.

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Christina Brown of Edmonton, formerly of Elk Point passed away March 1, 2019, at 90 years of age. She is survived by loving family Sherry Petruk, Glen Brown, Neil and Nancy Brown, and Connie Bigam and 9 grandchildren. She was predeceased by husband Edward, son Gary, sons-in-law Malcolm Bigam and Larry Petruk.

A Celebration of Life will be held on May 25th at Lac Bellevue Hall at 2 PM with interment in St. Michaels Cemetery.

Full obituary can be found at www.trinityfuneralhome.ca



Heroes hit the ice at Skating Club carnival

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Superheroes and guest skaters hit the ice at A. G. Ross Arena on Sunday to entertain an excellent crowd at the annual Elk Point Skating Club ice carnival.

The senior star skaters opened the show as they carried in the flags during the singing of O Canada, before the Canskate Guardians of the Galaxy performed the first routine, Jase Malo, Paynton Skarsen, Montana Sharkey, Ava and Mya Letawsky, Landon St. Arnault, Zachary Zarowny, Thomas Morris and Aspyr Kelly going on a space adventure on ice.

A pair of Batgirls, Alexis Danyluk and Tamilore Oyeboke kept Gotham City safe, before a pair of Wild West outlaws, Raif Evans-Anderson and Bella Pinette recreated the capture of Billy the Kid.

Everyday heroes are around us all the time, and Kaylee Radcliffe paid tribute to them in her solo, which was followed by Canskate's Fantastic Four, Jase Malo, Zachary Zarowny, Thomas Morris and Landon St. Arnault as they showed off their superhuman powers.

The afternoon's first guest skater, Michelle Deng of Edmonton, wowed the crowd as she exhibited the outstanding skills that won her a gold medal in Singles Pre-Novice at the Canada Winter Games last month.

Next on the program were some local Wonder Women, Junior Star Skaters Bella Pinette, Olivia Youngchief, Tamilore Oyeboke, Kennedy Pierce, Alexis and Hailey Danyluk with their number, which was followed by an impressive and fast paced Power Skating demonstration by Kaiden and Raif Evans-Anderson and Remington Reynolds.

The final number before the intermission was a graceful tribute to Superman by Keanna Radcliffe.

The Radcliffe sisters were both back on the ice immediately after intermission, with a tribute to the most unsung hero of all - mothers, and especially their own mother, Kelly, who helps them achieve their dreams.

A pair of Supergirls was next, Hailey Danyluk and Olivia Youngchief, before a former member of the club, Cynthia Schaap, came back to town as the afternoon's second guest skater. The Grade 10 student is now living and skating in Lloydminster, and it was a special treat for her hometown crowd to see how her

skills have evolved.

Canskaters Paynton Skarsen, Montana Sharkey, Aspyr Kelly, Ava and Mya Letawsky starred as the DC Superhero girls in the next number, followed by 'Flash!' skated by Bella Pinette and Kennedy Pierce.

An intrepid team of dangerous super villains, Kaylee and Keanna Radcliffe, Kaiden and Raif Evans-Anderson, worked together as a suicide squad to save the world, with an even larger team of superheroes, pre-power skaters Remington and Stetson Reynolds, Jan Denver Apigo, Lennox St. Arnault, Xander Zarowny, Thomas Morris and Jase Malo coming in next to round up any leftover bad actors.

Guest skater Michelle Deng returned for a second breathtaking number before the final battle of the afternoon, between the Devil and fiddle player Johnny, down in Georgia, with good once more trumping evil.



GUEST SKATER Michelle Deng showed off the moves that earned her a gold medal at the Canada Winter Games in Red Deer.



FOLLOWING THE GRAND FINALE, gifts were presented to retiring skaters Keanna Radcliffe and Kaiden Evans-Anderson, the guest skaters, coaches Dennell Anderson and Keanna Radcliffe, assistants Raif Evans-Anderson, Kaylee Radcliffe and Chyanne Fisher; assistant Catherine Nofall was unable to attend the carnival. Awards were presented to Canskaters of the Year Jase Malo and Montana Sharkey, Junior Star Skater Bella Pinette and Senior Star Skaters Keanna and Kaylee Radcliffe.

Rural Crime Watch

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Kee noted that when a similar raid took place in Desmarais, "the change was evident the next day, after they rounded up the prolific and habitual offenders."

The CRUs were introduced as a temporary measure, "but the public is asking for continuation," Kee said. "The response from the public was what was needed."

Latouche added, "We love having them in the area."

Another initiative involves rehabilitation, primarily of prolific offenders, through the Integrated Offender Management Program, according to Kee. "After the CRU does a sweep, they try to get (the offenders) while they are in remand, in a sober state. The offenders are told they will be on the Offender Management Program, they are interviewed and after developing a comprehensive background, they are asked 'What do you need to help you?' They either comply or else. It's not a get-out-of-jail-free card, they have curfews and are checked for breaches of conditions, it's proactive management." This partnership between the criminal justice system, health services and social services involves information sharing to provide better assistance and even friends and spouses of the criminals are asking for help, Kee says. "It's piggybacked with the BC program and I think it's terrific." Still, she noted, "there are people we aren't going to touch with this, due to mental health and past issues."

Crime mapping, which involves collecting the loca-

tion and type of crime and pinpointing it on maps of detachment areas, is well underway in Alberta and analysts are pulling data to send to detachments. Kee says it will encourage Albertans to participate in crime prevention strategies such as reporting suspicious persons or activities as they serve as extra eyes and ears for the police. It will help, "As long as the public keeps calling us. We need the intel. Don't ever hesitate to call the complaint line; the analysts will use the information you give. The number is on every detachment's website." St. Paul's complaint line number is 780-645-8888, Elk Point's is 780-724-3829 and Two Hills is 780-657-2760.

This area is still not included in the mapping, but should be in the near future, she said, "and all the RCW and COPS members will have access."

Another new initiative is Project Lock Up, a just-launched program that involves enhanced response. Locations that have experienced five or more break-and-enters are ranked as gold, two to four as silver and one as bronze, with the gold locations flagged for enhanced response and extra patrols to deter reoccurrences.

Property marking pens, each with a unique number kept on record, mark property with ink visible only under UV light, are now available to assist police in returning stolen property to its owners, and will also allow the police to make charges stick, Kee said.

GLRCW president Orest Sereda gave a brief overview of the past year, with the group supporting the RCMP Road Race, holding a member appre-

ciation barbecue and entering their float in Elk Point's Canada Day parade. A few independent crime watch groups have been set up in the areas of Stoney Lake, Horseshoe Bay and Moose Mountain-Ferguson Flats. GLRCW hosted the Zone 4 meeting, at which Jonny Nielsen became a director, and Sereda and his wife Darlene attended the Provincial RCW annual meeting in Leduc. He was happy to report the new Elk Point Detachment is open and is anticipating that the group may have a tour in conjunction with their next meeting.

The AGM also heard a brief message from Duane Fleming, who recently retired from Fish and Wildlife after a 22-year career and said the St. Paul area is being covered by officers from adjacent areas until his replacement arrives.

Provincial RCW Zone 4 director Jonny Nielsen reported that the Elk Point Detachment's new sergeant is scheduled to arrive in late April. The Provincial RCW website has a number of videos on how to protect homes and property, which have now been viewed 53,000 times. That group also has a newsletter on line. With a provincial election call coming in the near future, Nielsen urged RCW members to talk to the candidates about funding for rural crime prevention, and said, "It's all about money."

The election of officers saw president Sereda, vice president Jonny Nielsen, secretary Delores Zacharuk, treasurer Anna Leskiw and directors Les Nichols, Levina Ewasiuk and Myra Boothman returned for another year, with Nielsen volunteering to also head up efforts to get the group a casino license.